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ANNUAL REPORTS

[1857.

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE,

CITY TREASURER,

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, COMMISSIONERS OF STREETS,  
CHIEF ENGINEER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
AND CITY MARSHAL,

MADE TO THE

CITY COUNCIL OF AUGUSTA,

AT THE

CLOSE OF THE MUNICIPAL YEAR

ENDING MARCH 13, 1858,

WITH

THE MAYOR'S ADDRESS,

AND

ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF 1858.

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AUGUSTA:

RUSSELL EATON, CITY PRINTER.

1858.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, }  
March 15, 1858. }

ORDERED, That the Mayor cause to be printed for the use of the City Council, and for distribution among the citizens, ten hundred copies of the report of the Committee on Finance for the past year, and also in connection therewith so much of the reports of the several departments of the city as were presented to the last City Council and referred to this, as he shall deem expedient.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 15, 1858.

Read and passed. Sent down for concurrence.

WM. GASLIN, JR., City Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 15, 1858.

Read and passed in concurrence.

JOSHUA ALLEN, Clerk.

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### CITY OF AUGUSTA.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, }  
March 20, 1858. }

ORDERED, That the Mayor be requested to cause to be printed, in connection with the Financial Report, his Inaugural Address and the names of all City and Ward officers elect, and the Joint Standing Committees of the City Council for the current municipal year; also the Ordinance relating to the Overseers of the Poor, passed March 13, 1858.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 20, 1858.

Read and passed. Sent down for concurrence.

WM. GASLIN, JR., City Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 20, 1858.

Read and passed in concurrence.

JOSHUA ALLEN, Clerk.

# REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 13, 1858.

Amount appropriated and assessed for 1857:

State Tax,		\$4,174 12
County Tax,		3,083 85
Repairs of Highways,	5,000 00	
Support of Poor,	2,000 00	
Schools,	4,900 00	
City Officers,	1,800 00	
Fire Department,	800 00	
Police,	500 00	
Printing,	250 00	
City Debt,	2,400 00	
River Note and interest on River Notes,	770 00	
Interest on Loans,	1,550 00	
Abatements,	800 00	
Discount on Taxes,	1,972 03	
		<hr/> 22,742 03

\$30,000 00

Fractional overlayings,

965 54

Supplementary,

558 18

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\$31,523 72

Total Amount of Resident Valuation, 2,377,239

“ “ Non-Resident, do. 130,691

Whole number of Polls assessed, 1422; Poll tax, 1,00.

Rate of taxation on Resident property, 1 1-5 per cent.

“ “ Non-Resident do. 11 3-4 mills.

## ACCOUNTS WITH THE SEVERAL ITEMS OF APPROPRIATION.

### STATE TAX.

1858.

Dr.

March 15.	For paid by Collector of 1856,	\$2,174 12
	“ “ “ 1857,	1,500 00
	“ Due and unpaid,	2,674 12
		<hr/> \$6,348 24

1857.	Cr.	
March 16. By unpaid,		\$2,174 12
" assessed,		4,174 12
		<hr/> \$6,348 24

## COUNTY TAX.

1858.	Dr.	
March 13. For paid by Collector,		\$3,083 85
1857.	Cr.	
June 6. By assessed,		\$3,083 85

## REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

1858.	Dr.	
March 13. For paid on account, 1856,		\$677 30
"       "       "       1857,		4,231 34
"       "       "       1853-5,		8 66
" Undrawn,		1,719 90
		<hr/> \$6,637 20
1857.	Cr.	
March 16. By undrawn of 1856,		1,627 45
June 6.   " assessed,		5,000 00
1858.		
March 13.   " paid into treasury,		9 75
		<hr/> \$6,637 20

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

1858.	Dr.	
March 13. For drawn on account of 1856,		20 96
"       " in favor of overseers of 1857,		3,500 00
" undrawn,		57 57
		<hr/> \$3,578 53
1857.	Cr.	
March 16. By undrawn of 1856,		973 84
June 6.   " assessed		2,000 00
1858.		
March 13. Collections past year,		604 69
		<hr/> \$3,578 53

## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

1857.		Dr.	
March 16.	For due from District No. 1,		\$8 92
1858.			
March 13.	" drawn by Mayor's warrants,		7,196 56
	" " Directors Village District,		797 22
	" abatements,		38 13
	" Commissioners 1855-6,		6 00
	" undrawn,		1,376 01
			<hr/>
			\$9,422 84
1857.		Cr.	
March 16.	By due several Districts,		1,764 20
June 6.	" assessed,		4,900 00
	" Village tax of 1857,		1,702 97
	" credit to District Nos. 1 and 20,		31 50
	" due from State,		1,024 17
			<hr/>
			\$9,422 48

## CITY OFFICERS.

		Dr.	
1858.	For payments on account of 1856 the past year as follows:		
	" L. B. Hamlen, overseer of Poor,		\$50 00
	" E. G. Doe, "		25 00
	" P. S. Percival, Sup. School Committee,		39 50
	" W. A. P. Dillingham, "		90 00
	" Joseph Baker, "		31 00
	" D. Hewins, Assessor,		8 00
	" M. E. Hamlen, Chief Engineer,		18 58
	" C. W. Safford, Ass't do.		10 42
	" J. A. Richards, Clerk Ward 1,		4 50
	" T. C. Noble, " 2,		4 50
	" C. S. Greenleaf, " 3,		4 50
	" S. Patterson, " 5,		1 50
	" S. S. Webster, " 7,		4 50
			<hr/>
			\$292 00
Paid on account of 1857,			
	" J. W. North, Mayor,		200 00
	" E. Fenno, City Clerk,		77 50
	" J. L. Heath, Marshal,		125 00
	" Thomas Little, Assessor,		111 00
	" John Arnold, "		46 60
	" T. Wadsworth, "		62 00
	" Thos. Little, Overseer of Poor,		75 00
	" L. D. Hamlen, "		50 00

1857.	For S. Titcomb, 7 1-2 months City Solicitor,	\$42 50	
	“ J. W. North, 4 1-2 “ do.	22 50	
	“ J. G. Phinney, Street Commissioner,	100 50	
	“ L. I. Wall, “ “	150 00	
	“ J. W. Patterson, Street Engineer,	25 50	
	“ D. Folsom, 9 months City Physician,	52 50	
	“ Wm. Gaslin, Jr., Sup't School Committee,	34 25	
	“ Joshua Allen, Clerk of Council,	25 00	
	“ Eri Wills, Chief Engineer Fire Department,	50 00	
	“ C. F. Swan, Ass't “ “	25 00	
	“ Jas. Safford, Constable,	5 50	
	“ C. E. Hayward, Clerk Ward 5,	2 50	
	“ J. H. Patterson, “ 6,	3 00	
	“ W. F. Hallett, Collector, 1855.	1 95	
	“ A. Gaubert, “ 1856.	149 85	
	“ J. W. Patterson, “ 1857.	434 88	
		<hr/>	1,872 03
			<hr/> \$2,164 03

1857,	Cr.		
March 16.	By undrawn of 1856,	66 01	
June 6,	“ assessed,	1,800 00	
	“ Transferred from Contingent account,	298 02	
		<hr/>	\$2,164 03

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

1858.	Dr.		
March 13.	For paid on account of 1856,	132 50	
	“ “ “ 1857,	121 55	
	“ undrawn,	797 22	
		<hr/>	\$1,051 27
1857.	Cr.		
March 16.	By undrawn of 1856,	248 27	
June 6.	“ assessed,	800 00	
	“ received for damage to hose,	3 00	
		<hr/>	\$1,051 27

## POLICE.

1858.	Dr.		
March 13.	For paid on account of 1856, for night watch and rent of watch house,		26 61
	“ Police services, 1857,	40 00	
	“ night watch, “	416 82	
		<hr/>	\$456 82
	“ undrawn,		209 33
			<hr/> \$692 76

1858.	Cr.		
March 16.	By undrawn of 1852,	\$192 76	
June 6.	“ assessed,	500 00	
		<hr/>	\$692 76

#### PRINTING.

1858.	Dr.		
March 13.	For paid on account of 1856,	61 21	
	“ “ “ 1857,	276 26	
		<hr/>	\$337 47
1857.	Cr.		
June 6.	By assessed,	250 00	
	“ transferred from contingent account,	87 47	
		<hr/>	\$337 47

#### CITY DEBT.

1858.	Dr.		
March 13.	For amount paid,		2,450 00
1857.	Cr.		
June 6.	By assessed,	2,400 00	
	“ transferred from contingent account,	50 00	
		<hr/>	\$2,450 00

#### RIVER NOTE AND INTEREST.

1858.	Dr.		
March 13.	For amount paid,	\$740 00	
	“ “ unpaid,	30 00	
		<hr/>	\$770 00
1857.	Cr.		
June 6.	By assessed,		\$770 00

#### INTEREST ON LOANS.

1858.	Dr.		
March 13.	For amount paid,		\$1,615 85
1857.	Cr.		
March 16.	By undrawn of 1856,	44 25	
June 16.	“ assessed,	1,550 00	
	Transferred from contingent account,	21 60	
		<hr/>	\$1,615 85

#### ABATEMENTS.

1858.	Dr.		
March 13.	For abatements, 1855,	\$35 86	
	“ “ 1856,	211 74	
	“ “ 1857,	582 47	
	“ undrawn,	454 59	
		<hr/>	\$1,284 67



1857.	Cr.	
March 16.	By undrawn of 1856,	\$484 67
June 6.	" assessed,	800 00
		<hr/> \$1,284 67

### DISCOUNTS ON TAXES.

1858.	Dr.	
March 13.	For amount drawn,	\$2,255 33
1857.	Cr.	
June 6.	By assessed,	1,972 03
	" transferred from contingent,	283 30
		<hr/> \$2,255 33

### NEW STREETS.

1858.	Dr.	
March 13.	For drawn for Oxford Street,	\$184 00
	" " " Lamson road, damages,	40 00
	" " in favor of L. I. Wall, for building Lamson road and road near Mar- iner's,	74 65
		<hr/> \$298 65
1858.	Cr.	
Sept. 26.	By appropriated,	250 00
	" repaid by L. I. W.,	2 52
	" transferred from contingent,	46 13
		<hr/> \$298 65

### CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

1858.	Dr.	
March 13.	For paid Mayor's warrants of 1856, as follows :	
	" Police,	\$11 50
	" City Officers,	335 38
	" contingent,	136 35
		<hr/> \$483 23
	" paid E. G. Doe, damages for extension of State Street, 1855, on account of 1856,	25 00
	For S. W. Fairfield, for distributing reports,	75
	" District No. 26, Ward room,	4 50
	" Leland & Brooks, for keys,	1 25
	" T. B. Seekins, damage on highways,	3 00
	" H. H. Hill, damage on State Street,	20 00
	" Simmons & Co., for alphabet for Treasurer,	1 25
	" J. C. Pitts, for painting guide boards,	1 00
		<hr/> \$31 75

**Paid on account of 1857 :**

Paid D. Place, for preparing Council rooms,	\$2 00
“ N. B. Kent, for repairing hearse,	1 50
“ Jos. Marston, ringing bell,	70 27
“ T. R. Colby, “ “	6 72
“ Edward Fenno, books for poor children,	147 36
“ Same, books & stationery for City Council,	28 62
“ Same, books and stationery for other departments,	19 57
“ Same, printed cards for schools,	19 00
“ South Parish, repairing bell,	6 13
“ sundry persons, for ringing bells 4th July,	6 00
“ paid J. L. Heath, health officer, part expense of drain south of Mansion House,	8 29
“ paid N. Branch, labor at burying grounds,	11 50
“ L. P. Mead & Co., rent of Council rooms and hall from March 1, 1857, to Jan. 1, 1858,	67 50
“ G. Phillips, storing hearse,	6 25
“ Hartford & Smith, binding and stitching,	51 75
“ E. McFarland, wood for Council rooms,	5 68
“ taxes refunded, sold illegally in 1855,	126 04
“ Ethel Cummings, tax refunded,	5 03
“ City Clerk, recording deaths and births,	11 52
“ Moses Morrell, watering trough,	3 00
“ repairs of Engine house,	578 34
“ M. M. Swan, care of city clock,	30 00
“ sundry small items,	8 17
	<hr/>
	\$1,220 24

**Transferred to appropriations by order of City Council as follows :**

For City Officers,	\$298 02
“ Printing,	87 47
“ City debt,	50 00
“ interest on loans,	21 60
“ Discounts,	283 30
“ New Streets,	46 13
	<hr/>
	\$786 52

Undrawn,	1,085 96
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\$3,632 70

1857.	Cr.	
March 16.	By undrawn of 1856,	\$1,963 22
June 6.	“ overlayings on taxes,	965 54
1858.	“ supplementary taxes,	558 18
March 13.	“ proceeds of Fire Queen Engine sold,	30 86
	“ lumber at Engine house, sold,	7 75

1858.

CR.

March 13.	By grass at Cemetery, sold,	\$37 50	
	“ received for Circus license,	25 00	
	“ “ “ non-resident taxes prior to		
	1856, cost and interest,	44 65	
			<u>\$3,632 70</u>

### RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

	CR.	DR.	Undrawn.
State Tax,	\$6,348 24	\$3,674 12	\$2,674 12
County Tax,	3,083 85	3,083 85	
Highways,	6,637 20	4,917 30	1,719 90
Poor,	3,578 53	3,520 96	57 57
Schools,	9,422 84	8,046 83	1,376 01
City Officers,	2,164 03	2,164 03	
Fire Department,	1,051 27	254 05	797 22
Police,	692 76	483 43	209 33
Printing,	337 47	337 47	
City Debt,	2,450 00	2,450 00	
River Note and interest,	770 00	740 00	30 00
Interest on Loans,	1,615 85	1,615 85	
Abatements,	1,284 67	830 08	454 59
Discounts,	2,255 33	2,255 33	
New Streets,	298 65	298 65	
Contingent,	3,632 70	2,546 74	1,085 96
	<u>\$45,623 39</u>	<u>\$37,218 69</u>	<u>\$8,404 70</u>

### SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

	CR.	DR.	Undrawn.
Village District,	\$6,196 20	\$5,049 76	*\$1,146 44
Dist. No. 1,	241 00	240 28	72
“ 2,	117 20	116 36	84
“ 4,	133 37	123 31	10 06
“ 7,	76 87	73 27	3 60
“ 8,	176 84	163 15	13 69
“ 10,	198 00	132 08	65 92
“ 11,	48 00	48 00	
“ 12,	255 10	248 58	6 52
“ 13,	82 36	46 00	36 36

\*This sum includes \$434.63 uncollected taxes of 1856-7, which the district will be entitled to when collected.

Dist. No. 14,	\$132 02	\$121 90	\$10 12
“ 16,	81 01	80 31	70
“ 17,	171 68	171 68	
“ 18,	118 00	117 02	98
“ 19,	37 32	36 20	1 12
“ 20,	487 94	450 21	37 73
“ 21,	152 70	149 40	3 30
“ 22,	183 85	171 83	*12 02
“ 23,	76 09	76 10	
“ 24,	52 65	37 00	15 65
“ 25,	52 00	50 75	1 25
“ 26,	246 64	239 95	6 69
“ 27,	106 00	103 69	2 31
	<hr/> \$9,422 84	<hr/> \$8,046 83	<hr/> \$1,376 01

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### LIABILITIES OF THE CITY.

Temporary loan due March 19, 1858, \$600 00

Permanent Loans :

|              |                   |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Due in 1858, | \$3,290 40        |
| “ 1859,      | 4,650 00          |
| “ 1860,      | 1,400 00          |
| “ 1861,      | 3,900 00          |
| “ 1862,      | 2,500 00          |
| “ 1863,      | 2,200 00          |
| “ 1864,      | 500 00            |
| “ 1865,      | 6,200 00          |
| “ 1866,      | 2,000 00          |
| “ 1867,      | 2,000 00          |
|              | <hr/> \$28,640 40 |
|              | <hr/> \$29,240 40 |

|                                           |            |
|-------------------------------------------|------------|
| Balance State Tax of 1857,                | \$2,674 12 |
| Due School Districts,                     | 1,376 01   |
| Interest on loans prior to April 1, 1858, | 95 50      |
| Mayor's warrants of 1857, unpaid,         | 12 22      |
| Street Commissioners, “ “                 | 150 00     |
| Clerk of Common Council, of 1857, unpaid, | 12 50      |
| City Physician, “ “                       | 17 50      |
| City Officers, per rolls of acc't “ “     | 63 00      |
| Police “ “ “ “ “                          | 36 00      |
| Highways, “ “ “ “                         | 3 40       |

\*Including 25 cents. uncollected taxes of 1856.

|                                                       |         |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| Highways per roll of accounts, 1855-6, unpaid,        | \$ 8 70 |             |
| Fire Dep't, " " 1857, "                               | 41 94   |             |
| Contingent " " " "                                    | 76 36   |             |
| Highways, eastern district, " "                       | 6 05    |             |
| " western " " "                                       | 18 80   |             |
| Superintending School Committee, 1857, say            | 125 00  |             |
| Bills settled, but undrawn, on account of poor, 1857, | 446 58  |             |
| Unsettled bills on account of poor, as estimated,     | 350 00  |             |
| Due to the Fire Department, April and May 1, 1858,    | 600 00  |             |
| Taxes liable to abatements, as estimated,             | 300 00  |             |
|                                                       | <hr/>   | \$6,413 68  |
|                                                       |         | <hr/>       |
|                                                       |         | \$35,654 08 |

### RESOURCES.

|                                                                       |          |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Uncollected taxes of 1856,                                            | \$515 63 |             |
| " " 1857,                                                             | 6,657 84 |             |
| " non-resident taxes of 1856,                                         | 353 26   |             |
| " " " prior to 1856, say                                              | 150 00   |             |
| Due from other towns, &c., as per report of Overseers of<br>the Poor, | 887 70   |             |
| " from State Bank Tax of 1857,                                        | 1,024 17 |             |
| Cash in treasury,                                                     | 1,064 53 |             |
|                                                                       | <hr/>    | \$10,653 13 |
| Balance against the City,                                             |          | 25,000 95   |
|                                                                       |          | <hr/>       |
|                                                                       |          | \$35,654 08 |

### SCHEDULE OF CITY PROPERTY.

|                                         |            |             |
|-----------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Farm and buildings,                     | \$4,500 00 |             |
| Personal property at same,              | 1,483 21   |             |
| Mt. Pleasant Cemetery,                  | 1,200 00   |             |
| Land on Mt. Vernon Avenue,              | 20 00      |             |
| Atlantic and Pacific Engines,           | 2,000 00   |             |
| Engine House and lot,                   | 1,500 00   |             |
| Deluge Engine and apparatus,            | 500 00     |             |
| House for same,                         | 50 00      |             |
| Hooks, ladders and carriages,           | 50 00      |             |
| Derrick,                                | 100 00     |             |
| Tools and lumber belonging to highways, | 50 00      |             |
| Two safes,                              | 250 00     |             |
| Furniture in Council rooms,             | 25 00      |             |
|                                         | <hr/>      | \$11,728 21 |
|                                         |            | <hr/>       |

The undersigned, having examined the accounts with the several departments of the city for the past year, herewith report the standing thereof to this date, by which it appears that there is undrawn of the appropriations the sum of \$8,404,70, after transferring \$786,52 from the contingent

account to those accounts for which the appropriation was deficient, as ordered by the City Council. By the foregoing statement of the liabilities and resources of the city, it appears that the balance against the city is \$25,000,95, which is \$4,558,98 less than appeared by the last report of March 16, 1857. We are of opinion that the liabilities of the city cannot exceed the amount above named more than \$300, which sum it would be safe to estimate for claims that may have been overlooked or not known, and there will become due during the current municipal year, which will have to be provided for, about \$1,600 for interest on loans. The accounts of the city, kept by the Mayor, are correctly kept, and show the standing of each department at all times, and the names of each person to whom payments have been made.

|                  |                                       |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| J. W. PATTERSON, | } <i>Finance</i><br><i>Committee.</i> |
| J. WHEELER,      |                                       |
| WM. P. M. MEANS, |                                       |
| JOHN DORR,       |                                       |

MARCH 13, 1858.

# REPORT OF TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

J. W. PATTERSON, Treasurer and Collector for 1857, in account with the  
City of Augusta.

1858.

Dr.

March 13. For Cash rec'd the past year for temporary loans as follows:—

|   |   |                           |          |
|---|---|---------------------------|----------|
| " | " | of Augusta Bank, 3 mos. , | 2,000 00 |
| " | " | Hannah Hayward, 3 mos.,   | 300 00   |
| " | " | John Barrows, 3 mos.,     | 387 32   |
| " | " | Henry Craig, 60 days,     | 600 00   |

3,287 32

For cash received on loans payable after March 31, 1858, by au-  
thority of City Council of April 4, and Sept. 26, 1857,  
as follows :

|                             |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| For cash of Charles Lovell, | 425 40 |
| " Catherine Macey,          | 500 00 |
| " Henry Packard,            | 400 00 |
| " Ambrose Sawtelle,         | 500 00 |
| " Charles Little,           | 500 00 |
| " P. B. Keith,              | 100 00 |
| " Hannah Hayward,           | 800 00 |
| " M. A. Rounds,             | 315 00 |

3,540 40

|                                                    |           |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| For amount of State County and City Taxes of 1857, | 30,965 54 |
| " " " supplementary do.,                           | 558 18    |

31,523 72

|                                         |          |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|
| " Village School District Tax, of 1857, | 1,635 25 |
| " " " supplementary do.,                | 67 72    |

1,702 97

For cash received on poor account from sundry towns  
and individuals as follows :

|                                    |       |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| " from city of Bangor,             | 61 41 |
| " " town of Starks,                | 27 55 |
| " " " Palermo,                     | 1 50  |
| " " " Mercer,                      | 4 59  |
| " " " Sidney,                      | 2 00  |
| " " " Rome,                        | 44 51 |
| " " " Smithfield,                  | 49 29 |
| " " " same, for note and interest, | 23 16 |

|                                                          |          |        |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------|
| For cash from town of Pittston,                          | \$34 63  |        |
| “ “ “ Lebanon,                                           | 24 69    |        |
| “ “ “ Readfield,                                         | 9 32     |        |
| “ “ “ Jefferson,                                         | 2 25     |        |
| “ “ “ Belgrade,                                          | 3 00     |        |
| “ “ “ Monmouth,                                          | 21 65    |        |
| “ “ “ Vassalborough,                                     | 40 47    |        |
| “ “ “ Whitefield,                                        | 3 75     |        |
| “ “ “ Gardiner,                                          | 53 61    |        |
| “ “ “ Avon,                                              | 136 48   |        |
| “ “ “ Clinton,                                           | 4 64     |        |
| “ “ “ Windsor,                                           | 5 00     |        |
| “ “ “ Edgecomb,                                          | 3 90     |        |
| “ Mrs. Wood, amount due on account,                      | 15 21    |        |
| “ effects of J. Burgess sold,                            | 2 57     |        |
| “ overseers, repaid by individuals,                      | 8 15     |        |
| “ McLaughlin and Beale's note and interest,              | 8 36     |        |
| “ on Kimball and Britt's note,                           | 13 00    |        |
|                                                          | <hr/>    | 604 69 |
| “ on account of school district No. 1,                   | 13 00    |        |
| “ “ “ “ No. 20,                                          | 14 00    |        |
|                                                          | <hr/>    | 27 00  |
| Contingent account per Eri Wills,                        |          |        |
| “ sale of Fire Queen engine, &c.,                        | 30 86    |        |
| “ “ Lumber at engine house,                              | 7 75     |        |
| “ on account fire department per Eri Wills,              |          |        |
| collected for damage to hose,                            | 3 00     |        |
|                                                          | <hr/>    | 41 61  |
| “ of W. F. Hallett, collector of 1855, balance           |          |        |
| of his account,                                          |          | 119 02 |
| “ of A. Gaubert, collector of 1856, non-resident         |          |        |
| unpaid taxes of 1856, returned, as follows,              | 471 98   |        |
| “ Village district taxes,                                | 34 02    |        |
| “ school district No. 22,                                | 25       |        |
|                                                          | <hr/>    | 506 25 |
| “ Cash received for interest and cost on non-resident    |          |        |
| taxes advertised, and for non-resident taxes             |          |        |
| prior to 1856, collected,                                |          | 44 65  |
| “ Cash on ac. apr. of new streets, of L. I. Wall, unex., |          | 2 52   |
| “ “ “ highways, do. received                             |          |        |
| for use of scraper,                                      |          | 2 75   |
| “ “ “ highways of A. Gaubert, for over-                  |          |        |
| payment to him by warrant No. 26.,                       |          | 7 00   |
| “ Cash for Circus license,                               |          | 25 00  |
| “ “ grass sold at Cemetery, per J. G. Phinney,           |          | 37 50  |
| “ Cash of A. Gaubert, collector of 1856,                 | 6,933 29 |        |
| “ less note against Smith field                          | 22 27    |        |
| “ “ “ KIMBALL AND BRITTS,                                | 50 00    |        |



|   |                                             |        |       |                    |
|---|---------------------------------------------|--------|-------|--------------------|
| " | less note against McLaughlin & Beale,       | \$6 50 |       |                    |
|   |                                             |        | 78,77 | \$6,854 52         |
| " | Balance of Kimball and Britt's note unpaid, |        |       | 37 00              |
|   |                                             |        |       | <u>\$48,363 92</u> |

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March 13. By payments the past year as follows :

|   |                                                                 |            |                  |                 |
|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------------|-----------------|
| " | temporary loans,                                                |            |                  |                 |
| " | note to Augusta Bank,                                           | \$2,000 00 |                  |                 |
| " | " Hannah Hayward,                                               | 300 00     |                  |                 |
| " | " John Barrows,                                                 | 387 32     |                  |                 |
|   |                                                                 |            | <u>2,687 32</u>  |                 |
| " | notes due prior to April 1, 1857,                               |            |                  |                 |
| " | note to P. B. Keith, due Feb'y 11, 1856,                        | 100 00     |                  |                 |
| " | " J. W. Bradbury, due May 8, "                                  | 450 00     |                  |                 |
| " | " Jno. Lancaster, due Oct. 16, "                                | 1,000 00   |                  |                 |
| " | " Hannah Hayward, due Jan'y<br>22, 1857,                        | 500 00     |                  |                 |
| " | " Catharine Marcy, due March 2,<br>1857,                        | 500 00     |                  |                 |
| " | " G. H. Collins, due Mar. 14, 1857,                             | 200 00     |                  |                 |
| " | " Levi Ward, " " 16, "                                          | 300 00     |                  |                 |
| " | " John Barrows, " " 21, "                                       | 324 36     |                  |                 |
| " | " Charles Lovell, " " 31, "                                     | 400 00     |                  |                 |
|   |                                                                 |            | <u>3,774 36</u>  |                 |
| " | Mayor's warrants on account of the<br>following appropriations, |            |                  |                 |
| " | Repairs of highways, 1857,                                      | 4,947 30   |                  |                 |
| " | Support of poor,                                                | 3,520 96   |                  |                 |
| " | " schools,                                                      | 7,195 58   |                  |                 |
| " | City officers,                                                  | 1,912 73   |                  |                 |
| " | Fire department,                                                | 249 55     |                  |                 |
| " | Police,                                                         | 494 93     |                  |                 |
| " | Printing,                                                       | 337 47     |                  |                 |
| " | City debt,                                                      | 2,450 00   |                  |                 |
| " | River note and interest on river notes.                         | 740 00     |                  |                 |
| " | Interest on loans,                                              | 1,615 85   |                  |                 |
| " | Abatements,                                                     | 582 47     |                  |                 |
| " | Discounts on taxes,                                             | 2,255 33   |                  |                 |
| " | New streets,                                                    | 298 65     |                  |                 |
| " | Contingent account,                                             | 1,413 34   |                  |                 |
|   |                                                                 |            | <u>28,010 66</u> |                 |
| " | Paid directors order on acc't village school dist,              | 797 22     |                  |                 |
| " | " County tax in full,                                           | 3,083 85   |                  |                 |
| " | " State tax in part,                                            | 1,500 00   |                  |                 |
| " | City taxes, non-res't of 1856, unc'd,                           | 324 57     |                  |                 |
| " | Vill. dist. " " "                                               | 28 44      |                  |                 |
| " | Dist No. 22, " " "                                              | 25         |                  |                 |
|   |                                                                 |            |                  | <u>\$353 26</u> |

|           |                                                                                              |            |             |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| 1858.     | Cr.                                                                                          |            |             |
| March 13. | By city taxes of 1857 uncollected,                                                           | \$6,299 81 |             |
|           | “ Village district taxes of 1857 unc’d,                                                      | 358 03     |             |
|           |                                                                                              | <hr/>      | \$6,657 84  |
|           | “ Commissions on \$25,223 91, taxes of<br>1857 collected, a l 3-4 pr. ct.                    | 431 42     |             |
|           | “ Commissions on \$197 64, non-res’t<br>taxes prior to 1857, collected,<br>a l 3-4 per cent. | 3 46       |             |
|           |                                                                                              | <hr/>      | 434 88      |
|           | “ Cash in the treasury,                                                                      |            | 1,064 53    |
|           |                                                                                              |            | <hr/>       |
|           |                                                                                              |            | \$48,363 92 |

JOSEPH W. PATTERSON.

MARCH 13, 1858.

The undersigned having examined the foregoing account of J. W. Patterson, as Treasurer and Collector of the City of Augusta for the past year, find the same to be truly vouched and correctly cast.

WM. P. M. MEANS, } *Finance*  
J. WHEELER, } *Committee.*  
JOHN DORR,

MARCH 13, 1858.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 13, 1858.

Read and referred to next City Council.

ATTEST: EDWARD FENNO, *City Clerk.*

IN CITY COUNCIL, March 13, 1858.

Read and referred to next City Council in concurrence.

ATTEST: JOSHUA ALLEN, *Clerk.*

City of Augusta in account with ALONZO GAUBERT, Collector for 1856.

| 1858.     | Dr.                                                                          |                   |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| March 13. | For cash paid J. W. Patterson at sundry times,                               | \$6,933 29        |
|           | “ “ balance State tax,                                                       | 2,174 12          |
|           | “ uncollected non-res't tax to J. W. Patterson,                              | 506 25            |
|           | “ abatements,                                                                | 245 08            |
|           | “ Commission on \$7,948 62 city collected<br>before June 7, a 1 3-4 pr. ct., | 139 10            |
|           | “ Commission on \$1,075 33 city collected<br>after June 7, a 1 3-4 pr. ct.,  | 10 75             |
|           | “ Commission on \$265 80 village, before<br>June 7, a 1 3-4 pr. ct.,         | 4 65              |
|           | “ Commission on \$123 30 village, after<br>June 7, a 1 pr. ct.,              | 1 23              |
|           | “ uncollected city tax in my hands,                                          | 467 47            |
|           | “ “ village tax “                                                            | 48 16             |
|           |                                                                              | <hr/> \$10,530 10 |

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|------------------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| By uncollected city tax for 1856,        | 9,491 42          |  |
| “ “ village tax “                        | 437 26            |  |
| “ note against Charles Britt,            | 50 00             |  |
| “ “ “ town of Smithfield,                | 22 27             |  |
| “ balance on note against A. McLaughlin, | 6 50              |  |
| “ Cash in my hands, Feb'y 28, 1857,      | 522 65            |  |
|                                          | <hr/> \$10,530 10 |  |

ALONZO GAUBERT, *Collector*, 1856.

AUGUSTA, March 13, 1858.

The Committee on Finance having examined the foregoing account find the same to be correctly added and properly vouched.

J. W. PATTERSON, *per order Committee*.

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IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 13, 1858.  
Read and referred to next City Council.

ATTEST: EDWARD FENNO, *City Clerk*.

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IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 13, 1858.  
Read and Referred to next City Council in concurrence.

ATTEST: ~~EDWARD FENNO~~ *JOSEPH A. ALLEN, Clerk*.

W. E. HALLETT, former Treasurer and Collector 1855, in account with City of Augusta.

1857.

Dr.

|          |                               |          |
|----------|-------------------------------|----------|
| March 2. | To uncollected City tax,      | \$195 18 |
| "        | " Village district tax,       | 8 75     |
| "        | " School district No. 1, tax, | 3 53     |
|          |                               | <hr/>    |
|          |                               | \$207 46 |

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|            |                                                                                                                 |          |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
|            | By balance due Treasurer as per report of Finance Committee,                                                    | 45 71    |
| August 29. | By order of City Council the Treasurer was authorized to credit himself with uncollected taxes to the amount of | 40 66    |
|            | By commissions on city and village taxes collected,                                                             | 2 07     |
| Nov. 9.    | " cash paid J. W. Patterson City Treasurer for receipts,                                                        | 119 02   |
|            |                                                                                                                 | <hr/>    |
|            |                                                                                                                 | \$207 46 |

W. F. HALLETT, *Treasurer and Collector*, 1855.

MARCH 13, 1858.

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The Committee on Finance having examined the foregoing account, find the same to be correctly added and properly vouched.

J. W. PATTERSON, *per order Committee*.

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IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 13, 1858.

Read and referred to next City Council.

ATTEST : EDWARD FENNO, *City Clerk*.

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IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 13, 1857.

Read and referred in concurrence.

ATTEST : JOSHUA ALLEN, *Clerk*.

# REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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*Gentlemen of the City Council:*

The undersigned, Overseers of the Poor of the City of Augusta, report the following as a statement of their doings, from March 1, 1857, to March 13, 1858, embracing a period of one year and thirteen days.

Disbursements are as follows, viz:—

|                                                                                                                              |          |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| To paid E. G. Wall, towards support of Poor in the Alms House,                                                               | \$884 55 |           |
| To paid for support of Poor out of Alms House,                                                                               | 1396 29  |           |
| “ Ezra I. Wall, for services as Superintendent, and for bills paid out by him the month of March, 1857,                      | 245 90   |           |
| To paid E. G. Wall, for services as Superintendent of Alms House, from April 1, 1857, to March 13, 1858, at \$300 per annum, | 285 83   |           |
|                                                                                                                              | <hr/>    | \$2812 57 |
| To paid bills contracted prior to 1857,                                                                                      |          | 227 26 .  |
| “ bills chargeable to other cities, towns and individuals, the year 1857,                                                    | \$856 27 |           |
| To paid bills chargeable to other cities, towns and individuals, contracted prior to 1857,                                   | 50 48    |           |
|                                                                                                                              | <hr/>    | \$906 75  |
|                                                                                                                              |          | <hr/>     |
|                                                                                                                              |          | \$3946 58 |
| Received from Treasurer on Mayor's warrants,                                                                                 |          | 3500 00   |
|                                                                                                                              |          | <hr/>     |
|                                                                                                                              |          | \$446 58  |
|                                                                                                                              |          | <hr/>     |

The above balance of \$446,58 has been paid by us and undrawn from Treasury.

We have had refunded, and collected from cities, towns and individuals the year past, and paid into the City Treasury, the sum of

\$604 69

There is now due from cities, towns and individuals, believed  
to be good, \$887 70  
Estimated outstanding liabilities, say \$350 00

It will be perceived that our expenses for the support of the Poor, have been unusually large the past year, which is in great measure attributable to the general prostration of all kinds of industrial pursuits, leaving many who are dependent upon their daily labor for support, without means of providing for themselves or families.

It has been the purpose of the Overseers to make comfortable provision for those applying for assistance, remembering what one has said, who is wiser than man, that "The poor you have with you always, and when you will you may do them good,"—having regard, also, for the cheapest and best means of accomplishing the object.

With regard to the management of the Farm and appurtenances, the past year, we believe it will compare favorably with any previous years; yet we are of opinion that the best interests of the City require the expenditure of a sum sufficient to put it into a much higher state of cultivation and productiveness.

We have also seen, the past winter, the pressing need of more room in the Alms House, and would respectfully repeat the suggestion so often made, that measures be taken for increasing the accommodations at the House, the present season.

The faithfulness with which the Superintendent has discharged his duty to those placed under him, is commendable; also, his fidelity to the interests of the city in caring for the buildings, stock, farming tools, etc., is evidence of his qualifications for the place he fills.

THOMAS LITTLE, } *Overseers*  
J. S. TURNER, } *of the Poor.*

MARCH 13, 1858.

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IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 13, 1858.

Read and referred to next City Council.

ATTEST: EDWARD FENNO, *City Clerk.*

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IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 13, 1858.

Read and referred to next City Council in concurrence.

ATTEST: JOSHUA ALLEN, *Clerk.*

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF FARM AND ALMS HOUSE.

*To the Overseers of the Poor of the City of Augusta :*

GENTLEMEN,—In making a report in relation'to the City Farm and the Poor under my care, at the Alms House, for the year ending the 13th day of March, 1858, it does not appear to me to be my duty to say anything about how I have managed the affairs of the City Farm and Alms House. All who know anything about farming, know that it costs more or less every year to keep buildings, fences and tools in order. As to the orchard, it received such a thorough pruning the previous year, that I considered it unnecessary to do anything more to keep it in proper shape.

I would express my sincere thanks for the prompt and efficient help you have furnished me in discharging the difficult and arduous duty of taking care of the Poor. It will be seen that the draft upon the treasury, on account of Poor at the Almshouse, has increased from last year. The comparative increase is owing partly to the large amount of supplies which were handed over from the year 1855 to 1856, which were paid for : such as wood, fish, molasses, and also pork, which was sold to considerable amount, while we, in 1857, were left nearly destitute of either. There was also one yoke of oxen sold for \$170 which went into last year's account. It will be noticed that we have had, the past season, a much larger number of inmates at the Almshouse to support, at an expense which will be seen as follows :

## RECEIPTS.

|                                                    |          |            |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Received from Overseers of Poor,                   |          | \$884 55   |
| “ for apples,                                      | \$191 20 |            |
| “ “ hay,                                           | 175 46   |            |
| “ “ straw and oats,                                | 37 81    |            |
| “ “ labor off the farm,                            | 119 60   |            |
| “ “ milk and eggs,                                 | 5 83     |            |
| “ “ pigs and calf,                                 | 29 19    |            |
| “ “ pasturage,                                     | 66 35    |            |
|                                                    |          | 625 44     |
| “ “ wood furnished the Poor off of farm,           |          | 25 00      |
| “ “ board of Miss A. Rounds from town of Monmouth, |          | 6 00       |
|                                                    |          | \$1,540 99 |

## EXPENDITURES.

|                                                |                                                                                 |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Beef, pork, fish, butter and salt,             | \$245 51                                                                        |
| Flour, corn, rye and rice,                     | 255 36                                                                          |
| Tea, coffee, sugar, molasses, salæratius, &c., | 114 52                                                                          |
| Clothing, bedding and dry goods,               | 95 47                                                                           |
| Boots and shoes,                               | 57 27                                                                           |
| Wood,                                          | 184 58                                                                          |
| Blacksmith bills,                              | 13 60                                                                           |
| Hired man's wages,                             | 157 38                                                                          |
| Extra labor on farm,                           | 94 70                                                                           |
| Labor in Almshouse,                            | 98 86                                                                           |
| Paid for 2 cows,                               | 76 50                                                                           |
| "    " shoat, seeds and coffins,               | 39 33                                                                           |
| "    " soap, \$21 ; oil, \$17,                 | 38 00                                                                           |
| " Dr. Hill, for operating on Bartlett's eyes,  | 8 00                                                                            |
| Miscellaneous,                                 | 61 91                                                                           |
|                                                | <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> <u>\$1,540 99</u> |

The above embraces all receipts and expenditures on account of the Farm and poor at the Almshouse from the 1st day of April, 1857, to March 13, 1858, excepting the pay of Superintendent, which amounts to \$285 83.

Amount raised on farm the past year :

|                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| 40 tons hay,      | 5 bushels parsnips, |
| 120 bushels corn, | 56 pounds lard,     |
| 56 " oats,        | 42 " tallow,        |
| 26 1-2 " barley,  | 600 " beef,         |
| 4 1-2 " peas,     | 550 " pork,         |
| 8 " beans,        | 315 " butter,       |
| 125 " beets,      | 225 barrels apples, |
| 20 " carrots,     | 50 " potatoes.      |
| 20 " turnips,     |                     |

ELBRIDGE G. WALL, *Sup. of Farm & Almshouse.*

MARCH 13, 1858.



# REPORTS OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

*To the City Council :*

The undersigned, Street Commissioner for the Western District, respectfully submits his report of expenditures on the streets and roads in his district, as follows :

## RECEIPTS.

|                                                  |            |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Advanced from the treasury per Mayor's warrants, | \$2,788 82 |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------|

## EXPENDITURES.

Expended, per vouchers on file in Mayor's office, from No. 1 to 299, inclusive :

|                                       |          |            |
|---------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Belgrade road, by Northern Avenue,    | \$191 54 |            |
| Belgrade road, Mt. Vernon Avenue,     | 34 72    |            |
| Coombs Mill road, (south,)            | 87 97    |            |
| Western Avenue,                       | 64 68    |            |
| River road to Sidney,                 | 71 95    |            |
| Middle road to “                      | 33 70    |            |
| Mt. Vernon Avenue,                    | *202 60  |            |
| Woodward road,                        | 34 50    |            |
| Lyon “                                | 67 70    |            |
| Whitten “                             | 73 42    |            |
| Winthrop “                            | 21 72    |            |
| Central, or “Village” District,       | 1217 35  |            |
| Materials,                            | 409 66   |            |
| Bedubling upper bridge, Bond's Brook, | 277 31   |            |
|                                       |          | \$2,788 82 |

## NEW STREETS.

|                              |        |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Oxford street, per contract, | 184 00 |
|------------------------------|--------|

All bills contracted by the undersigned on account of streets and roads, have been settled and paid, except as reported below.

J. G. PHINNEY, *St. Com'r, Western Dist.*

MARCH 13, 1858.

\*Including expense of large stone culvert near Scribner's, costing \$98, and filling with earth to grade and cover railing, \$52; making \$150.

## UNSETTLED BILLS.

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Charles Sewall,  | \$8 00        |
| Orrison Woods,   | 65            |
| Jacob Saunders,  | 1 05          |
| T. A. Saunders,  | 55            |
| J. W. Trask,     | 2 05          |
| Benj. Trask,     | 4 00          |
| A. K. P. Dudley, | 2 50          |
|                  | ————— \$18 80 |

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 13, 1858.

Read and referred to next City Council.

ATTEST: EDWARD FENNO, City Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 13, 1858.

Read and referred to next City Council.

ATTEST: JOSHUA ALLEN, Clerk.

### *To the City Council of the City of Augusta :*

GENTLEMEN :—The undersigned, Street Commissioner for the Eastern District, respectfully submits his Report of Expenditures for the past year, in the District under his charge :—

Advanced from Treasury per Mayor's Warrants for repairs,      \$1463 07

### EXPENDITURES.

Expended per vouchers, No. 1 to 305, inclusive, as follows, viz :

|                                  |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Bangor and Stone street,         | \$132 37        |
| Thomaston road,                  | 140 60          |
| North Belfast road,              | 280 05          |
| South Belfast road,              | 247 23          |
| Church Hill road,                | 45 32           |
| South China road,                | 76 45           |
| Mud Mills road and bridge,       | 81 75           |
| Prescott road,                   | 17 00           |
| Pratt road,                      | 20 50           |
| Keene road,                      | 27 25           |
| Greely road,                     | 17 00           |
| Hospital street,                 | 37 50           |
| Lock street,                     | 25 22           |
| Cony street,                     | 68 80           |
| Village, sundry streets,         | 70 05           |
| Materials for roads and streets, | 161 38          |
| Howe road,                       | 14 60           |
|                                  | ————— \$1463 07 |

## NEW STREETS.

|                                                          |         |         |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Advanced from Treasury on Mayor's Warrants,              |         | \$72 13 |
| Expended as follows, viz :                               |         |         |
| 41 rods of Marriner road, per voucher No. 238,           | \$23 65 |         |
| 101    "    Lamson            "            "    No. 246, | 48 48   |         |
|                                                          | <hr/>   | \$72 13 |

In the above expense of repairs is included \$200 for permanent improvements on Mud Mills bridge, underdraining Cony street, and expenditure at foot of Togus road.

There are two ploughs and seven scrapers belonging to the city in the Eastern District, and 1000 ft. of 2 and 3 in. plank.

LUTHER I. WALL, *Street Commissioner.*

March 13, 1858.

## UNSETTLED BILLS.

|                      |        |        |
|----------------------|--------|--------|
| John Marshal, labor, | \$1 00 |        |
| John O. Curtis,      | 2 00   |        |
| Jas. Gilley,         | 1 00   |        |
| William Allen,       | 40     |        |
| Ezekiel Ware,        | 75     |        |
| Wm. Wing,            | 50     |        |
| Zebulon Morse,       | 40     |        |
|                      | <hr/>  | \$6 05 |

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 13, 1858.

Read and referred to the next City Council.

ATTEST : EDWARD FENNO, *City Clerk.*

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 13, 1858.

Read and referred to next City Council.

ATTEST : JOSHUA ALLEN, *Clerk.*

# REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER

## OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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*To the Mayor, Aldermen, and*

*Common Council of the City of Augusta :*

GENTLEMEN :—In conformity with Section 9, of the City Ordinance creating a Fire Department, I herewith report to you the present condition of the Department, the services performed during the year, and the cause of all Fires as far as ascertained.

The Department has been called out since the first day of March, 1857, seven times, viz :

April 20, 1857, 10 o'clock A. M. Alarm caused by the taking fire of a small house, near the Augusta House, occupied by Mrs. Lewis. The fire caught from the stove pipe in the attic. Damage trifling. Both engines were out, but not worked, as a few buckets of water extinguished the fire.

April 21, 1857, 9 o'clock A. M. Alarm caused by the stable adjoining the Redington house, on the east side of the river, being on fire. Both engines were on the ground within ten minutes; but the fire was extinguished without their aid.

April 22, 1857, 1 1-2 o'clock A. M. Alarm caused by the house of Mrs. Lewis, near the Augusta House, being on fire. The house this time was entirely consumed. The Atlantic Engine was out and worked one hour. The house was probably fired by an incendiary. Insurance \$200.

June 8, 1857, 11 o'clock A. M. Alarm caused by the dry house, near the steam saw-mill occupied by N. Fowler & Co., being on fire, and which was entirely consumed. Both Engines were out and worked about one hour each, by which means the mill was saved. Damage about \$500,—no insurance.

September 7, 1857, 10 o'clock A. M. Alarm caused by the dwelling house of Nathan Hallett, on Sand Hill, being on fire, and which was entirely consumed. Both Engines were out and worked. In this case we worked our small hose, being the first time for six years. Insurance \$500—~~nearly the value.~~

December 24, 1857, 8 1-2 o'clock A. M. Alarm caused by fire in a small house near Bridge's Mill. The fire originated from some straw in the basement story. Both Engines were out. The Atlantic obtained water and succeeded in extinguishing the fire. Damage trifling.

January 26, 1858, 10 o'clock P. M. Alarm caused by a large, double saw-mill, at the east end of the Kennebec Dam, being on fire, which fire extended to the sash and blind factory of Messrs. Robinson & Pitman. All the buildings were entirely consumed, including a quantity of seasoned lumber in the sash and blind factory. Whole loss not less than \$5000. Insurance \$1000 on the machinery and lumber of Messrs. Robinson & Pitman. Both Engines were called into service, and continued to work until one o'clock in the morning. Fire was supposed to originate from friction of some machinery which was left running during the night.

There are belonging to the city the following Engines and apparatus: the Deluge No. 1 with 450 feet good leading hose; also carriage, with 18 feet suction hose and other apparatus, all in good order.

The Atlantic No. 3 and Pacific No. 4, (each containing a company of 30 members,) are in good order for immediate use. The Atlantic has 500 feet of leading hose, and 24 feet of suction hose. The Pacific has 450 feet of leading hose, and 24 feet of suction hose. All the apparatus belonging to the above machines are in good order.

Belonging to the Fire Department, are one Hook and Ladder Carriage, three Fire Hooks, three Ladders, and 400 feet of Guy Rope.

All bills against the Department have been paid, except the amounts due the Companies for their services, which will become due, as follows: to the Atlantic \$300, due on the first Monday of April, A. D. 1858, and to the Pacific \$300, due on the first Monday of May, A. D. 1858.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ERI WILLS, Chief Engineer.

AUGUSTA, March 13, 1858.

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IN BOARD ALDERMEN, March 13, 1858.

Read and referred to next City Council.

EDWARD FENNO, City Clerk.

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IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 13, 1858.

Read and referred in concurrence.

JOSHUA ALLEN, Clerk.

# REPORT OF CITY MARSHAL.

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CITY MARSHAL'S OFFICE, March 13, 1858.

*To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Augusta:*

GENTLEMEN:—In conformity with Ordinance 2, Sect. 3, I herewith lay before you the following statement of all prosecutions by me instituted before the Municipal Court the past year, as follows, viz :

|                     | Cases. | Discharged. | Paid—fined. | Committed. | Bound over. |
|---------------------|--------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Rumselling,         | 6      | 3           | 3           |            |             |
| Drunkenness,        | 60     |             | 2           | 58         |             |
| Stealing,           | 23     | 1           | 8           | 11         | 3           |
| Assault,            | 33     | 2           | 6           | 17         | 8           |
| Night-walking,      | 5      | 1           | 1           | 3          |             |
| Malicious Mischief, | 6      |             |             | 2          | 4           |
| Adultery,           | 4      |             |             |            | 4           |
| Lewd Conduct,       | 2      |             |             | 2          |             |
| Common Brawler,     | 1      |             | 1           |            |             |

J. L. HEATH, City Marshal.

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IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 13, 1858.

Read and referred to next Board of Aldermen.

EDWARD FENNO, City Clerk.

# MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

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*Gentlemen of the City Council:*

It becomes my duty to submit such observations relating to our city affairs, as I may think proper for your consideration.

In commencing the present municipal year, it will be well to look at the administration for the year which has just past; in order that any progress made may be noted, omissions supplied, errors rectified, and the general mode of transacting business considered; thus availing ourselves of the experience of the past, we shall be better prepared to avoid its errors and improve upon its progress.

In order to do this, you can avail yourselves of the reports of the various departments, made up to the 13th instant, which will be before you, the same having been referred by the last City Council to the present. It will be your duty to cause them to be printed and distributed to our citizens. They should be referred to appropriate committees to be examined; and I recommend the examination should be thorough, in order that any improper, or unauthorized expenditures, or expensive mode of conducting the business of any department, may be brought to light, if any shall have existed. Every transaction of the past year, may come under your eye for examination. The benefits arising from presenting the transactions of a preceding administration directly to a succeeding, for review and examination, are many and obvious, not the least of which, is a salutary check, and a reliable basis for improvement in the management of our affairs.

Gentlemen, the welfare of the city numbering ten thousand inhabitants, and its various interests — educational, industrial, and financial, so far as they can be affected by municipal action, are, for the time being, committed to you. You have been elected with especial reference to your fidelity and fitness to discharge the important trust, and I doubt not that the confidence reposed in you by your fellow citizens will be requited by a just appreciation of the honor, and a watchful fidelity to their interests.

Much ~~of the success which~~ may attend your administration of affairs,

will depend upon the men you appoint to office. These fully qualified, of known integrity and faithfulness, should be selected; such as have your confidence, and the confidence of our citizens. Much is expected of you in the way of economy and prudent management, and in proportion to the just expectation formed, will be the strictness of the account required.

When assembled a year ago, for a like purpose with the present, a monetary pressure was upon the country under which the wheels of industry began to lose their accustomed motion, and finally came to a stand still, causing unparalleled depression in business, and wide-spread distress through the land. In the period of general financial prostration which followed, we should look for depression and embarrassment in our city finances, but it is gratifying to know that nothing of the kind occurred. As a municipality we did not feel the blast, which was so destructive to private and corporate property. Never have our taxes been paid more promptly than during the past year. Over twenty thousand dollars, being two-thirds of the whole assessment, was paid under the final discount, within a brief period after the list was committed. This promptness was stimulated by a larger discount than usual, yet it shows the ability and readiness of our citizens to bear the necessary public burdens.

Much success has attended the effort made during the past year, to bring the accounts of the various departments to a simple and correct system, easily to be understood, and be preserved as records of the departments. This effort has met with the approval and co-operation of those having charge of the departments. Indeed, nothing effectual or permanent could be done without their assistance and support. It is to be hoped that this effort will continue until the best and simplest system shall be attained, and every dollar drawn from the Treasury is properly vouched, easily traced, and permanently recorded; so that expenditures can be easily understood, after the transactions to which they relate have passed from the mind, making the books kept by the Mayor, Treasurer, and disbursing agents, a check upon each other.

Our financial condition is encouraging, and in progress of improvement. Two thousand four hundred and fifty dollars of the city debt, was paid as it matured, the past year. The permanent city debt does not exceed the usual amount of one year's list of assessments falling due in various sums each year until 1867, when the last matures. Notwithstanding the obviously depressing causes which have existed for a number of years past, and the loss of funds invested in corporation property, our valuation has not diminished, as might have been anticipated, but has gradually increased. With our present prospect of no extraordinary outlay, for some years to come, it is believed that with ~~the same rate of~~ ~~the same rate of~~ taxation as the year



past, we shall be able to make all needful improvements, and meet our debts as they mature.

Crime having been unusually prevalent in all parts of our land, has visited us during the past year with some of its minor offenses, requiring more than usual vigilance on the part of our police. The police have been used occasionally as detectives; but their chief effort has been as a preventive force. Their services as a watch by night, has kept our streets quiet, and undoubtedly prevented criminal offences. The expenditure for this purpose has been within the appropriation.

A new organization of the Fire Department has been attended with the desirable result of placing this important arm of our defence in an effective condition. The machines, and all the fire apparatus, are in excellent order; the care taken of them is praiseworthy, reduced to a system, and managed with economy. The engine-house has been thoroughly repaired, and its foundation made permanently secure. To the rules and regulations of the department the members have very generally yielded ready and cheerful assent.

The mildness of the past winter has relieved us from an expenditure for disencumbering our streets and roads of snow, usually quite heavy for the services rendered. Some expenditures, under the appropriation for highways, for improvements and re-construction, not in the ordinary line of repairs, have been made by the street commissioners. Their whole expenditure, up to March 13th, amounts to four thousand two hundred and seventy-six dollars seventy-four cents; of which twenty-four dollars and eighty-five cents are unpaid. The expenditure is over ten hundred dollars within the appropriation.

The accounts of this department are taking a business and systematic form, so that the commissioners are enabled to report the expenditures on each of the roads, and some of the streets. The accounts of expenditure in the central part of the western district, in which are our principal streets, should be kept with each street upon which there should be much of an outlay.

In the management of this department, it is desirable that those having the expenditure of the funds should be fully impressed with the necessity of expending them early in the season. It gives me pleasure, in this connection, to say, that in the Eastern district, the funds were seasonably disbursed, and, I may add, with strict regard to economy, and with praiseworthy fidelity. The advantages and economy of early repairs are familiar to every road builder.

I desire to make an impression in favor of thorough drainage upon our roads; ~~this is indispensable to a good road or street.~~ Ditches at the side

should be deep, wide and properly formed, and of sufficient inclination to readily convey water. A street properly drained is more durable, requiring less repairs, and is consequently more economical. These remarks are made from the belief that our streets in the central part of the Western district, are too flat, insufficiently drained, and are consequently muddy, and easily get out of repair. The remedy, is, obviously, a broad, deep, and gently curved ditch; so gently curved, that carriages can pass into and out of it, without inconvenience, and raising the street to a proper curvature, with a thick coating of gravel—*coarse* gravel. Neatness, economy and comfort, demand that this should be done on our principal streets.

The support of the poor, from the absence of the ordinary calls for labor, has been attended with more than usual expense; but not to the extent which might reasonably have been anticipated. The hand of private charity, and the praiseworthy efforts of organized benevolent associations, have done much to relieve the necessities of the unfortunate, and anticipated the application of public funds for their relief. The necessities of the times have called forth, in an unusual degree, the benevolent efforts of our citizens, who are always ready to sympathise with, and relieve, the distressed. But let not private charity, which is not always constant and uniform in its relief, prevent you from a watchful care of those who are destitute, and unable to support themselves.

I desire to call your attention to repairing and enlarging the Alms House: and permit me, first, to bring to your notice the amount of relief which has been there furnished during the past year. Eighty-four persons have been received into the house, to whom has been furnished sixteen hundred and sixty-two weeks' board, making an average of nearly twenty weeks each; there are now in the house, thirteen who have been there during the year; and twenty-five who have been there from six to forty-five weeks, averaging eighteen weeks; thus making thirty-seven now at the alms house. Of the forty-seven who have left, they were there from one day to forty-six weeks, averaging twelve and one-half weeks. I invite you all, personally, to inspect the alms house; and from the enumeration which I have given, you will not be surprised to learn that great inconvenience is now experienced for want of room. The young and old, the healthy and sick, dwell in the same apartment. This is unavoidable, from the number of inmates and the contracted limits of the dwelling. The conveniences for doing the work for so large a family, are limited and insufficient. The wooden part of the building is much out of repair, and is hardly worth repairing. By rebuilding that of two stories, increased accommodation would be furnished, at a moderate outlay. I ask your early attention to this subject, and invoke such action as true economy and a kindly regard for the welfare of ~~the unfortunate may dictate.~~

The city farm needs to be improved, thoroughly cultivated, and made more productive. The beef, pork, butter corn and rye, sufficient for the family supported at the farm should be raised upon it. With the convenience of making and purchasing manure to any desirable extent, and the facility of obtaining labor at a moderate rate, no satisfactory reason is perceived why the farm should not be made productive and profitable, more especially as a ready market would be found for all articles raised not needed at the farm.

I would recommend that an orchard of the best engrafted summer, fall, and winter fruit, adapted to our climate, be set out the present season ; and that the same be enclosed with a live fence or hedge. By the time the orchard would come into bearing, the hedge, with proper care would be sufficient protection against all intrusion. The small outlay required for this, would in a few years be amply remunerative.

The farm buildings require more or less repair ; the "new barn" should be made secure in its foundation ; the manure housed ; and the water which is shed from the surface of the land, turned from the buildings. The house and indeed all the buildings are exposed to the bleak west and north west winds. They are without shelter in this respect ; this can be so easily remedied at a slight expense, by placing on the exposed side a few forest trees, it is surprising that it has not been done ; but gentlemen, it is for you to consider and determine, whether a reasonable outlay in improving the farm, will not yield a bountiful return.

The law providing for the support of schools, gives you no voice directly in their management. Indirectly, perhaps, you can exercise an influence, which may be effective in highly promoting this important interest. You determine the amount of funds to be raised by the city for their support, and appoint the superintending school committee, upon whom, in a great measure depends their success. Reports are made to you of the condition and progress of about half of the schools of the city : the "village" or central districts have a school committee of their own, independent of other school organizations, and report to their own organization and not to you. It has occurred to me that if a supervisor could be appointed, with the concurrence of the village district, having the care of all the schools, it might be desirable. All the schools in the city would then be brought under the management of one person, who would devote his time to them. The advantage would be a constant oversight, instead of the occasional visits of the committee, and a mind constantly employed in promoting their welfare, instead of the occasional attention of persons engaged in other pursuits. But having made these suggestions, I refrain from making any recommendation on the subject.

I desire to call your attention especially to the subject of truant children, who are growing up in ignorance, contracting vicious habits, which grow and strengthen with their growth; elevating them for the commission of the higher crimes which disgrace society. Such power as the law confers upon you to remedy this evil, I doubt not you will use; in which you will receive the countenance and support of every well disposed citizen.

In closing, I desire to say to my fellow citizens, that re-election to the office I have held the past year, is an honor I fully appreciate, more particularly, if it may be regarded as indicating a discharge of duty not altogether unacceptable to them. I hope to be enabled to continue the present year the policy of the past, under the light which its experience may afford; and at his end it would be gratifying to me, should I be able to retire, unscathed, from the municipal ordeal.

JAMES W. NORTH.

AUGUSTA, March 15, 1858.

# CITY GOVERNMENT.

1858.

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MAYOR.

JAMES W. NORTH.

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ALDERMEN.

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| WARD 1. | Charles D. Brown, | WARD 4. | Moses Morrill,    |
| " 2.    | Joshua S. Turner, | " 5.    | J. W. Patterson,  |
| " 3.    | J. G. Phinney,    | " 6.    | Elijah McFarland, |
|         |                   | WARD 7. | T. S. Ingraham.   |

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COMMON COUNCIL.

JOHN H. HARTFORD, PRESIDENT.

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|---------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------------------|
| WARD 1. | George W. Macomber,<br>J. H. Hussey,<br>James Hayden,      | WARD 3. | Samuel Cummings,<br>Martin Peaslee,<br>David Golder, |
| WARD 2. | Noah G. Carson,<br>Alvin Fogg,<br><u>John H. Hartford.</u> | WARD 4. | Orrison Woods,<br>Asa Cummings,<br>Almon H. Lyon.    |

WARD 5. Harrison G. Clark,  
Thomas C. Hoyt,  
Artemas Glidden.

WARD 6. H. W. MORTON,  
Elisha Barrows, Jr.,  
John E. Ward.

WARD 7. Howard Pettingill,  
Wm. T. Folsom,  
John Cross.

WM. GASLIN, JR., CITY CLERK.

JOSHUA ALLEN, CLERK COM. COUNCIL.

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MUNICIPAL JUDGE.

SAMUEL TITCOMB.

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*City Marshal.*—Joshua L. Heath.

*City Physician.*—Jos. W. Toward.

*Treasurer and Collector.*—Joseph W. Patterson.

*City Solicitor.*—Joseph Baker.

*Assessors.*—Thomas Little, John Arnold, Thomas Wadsworth.

*Street Engineer.*—Joseph W. Patterson.

*Overseers of the Poor.*—Thomas Little, Joshua S. Turner, Edward Fenno.

*Street Commissioners.*—John G. Phinney, Western District; Luther I. Wall, Eastern District.

*Superintending School Committee.*—W. A. P. Dillingham, William Gaslin, Jr., Grenville T. Fletcher.

*Chief Engineer Fire Department.*—Eri Wills.

*First Assistant Engineer.*—J. P. Wyman.

*Second Assistant Engineer.*—C. F. Swan.

*Constables.*—Joshua L. Heath, Levi Hicks; Ward 1, Charles Gowen; Ward 2, Edmund W. Getchell; Ward 3, James Safford; Ward 3, Eben Dudley; Ward 5, Charles E. Hayward; Ward 6, H. W. Morton; Ward 7, James Savage.

*Police.*—James Savage, C. E. Hayward, Gilman Turner, E. W. Getchell, Thomas Wadsworth, Charles Gowen, B. F. Gaslin, William Stevens, Henry Norcross.

*Superintendent Burying Ground.*—Nathaniel Branch.

*Superintendent of Alms House and Pound Keeper.*—Elbridge G. Wall.

*Surveyors of Wood and Bark.*—William Doe, Lot Hamlen, Eleazer Smith, Amasa Kelley, Paschal S. Bronsdon, Joseph F. Gannett, M. P. Faught, W. P. M. Means, Chas. S. Greenleaf, Jacob Saunders, Hiram Reed, Alexander Gardner, William Libbey, P. S. Percival, Joseph S. Whitney, C. E. Hayward, John M. Webster, Thomas Wadsworth, Amos Church, N. H. Leighton, James Safford, Levi Hicks, Joshua L. Heath, George Sawtelle, Eben Packard, Thos. Fuller, Osgood Carlton, David Leighton.

*Surveyors of Lumber.*—Amasa Kelley, Gilmore Bartlett, Samuel B. Hodgkins, Luther I. Wall, Abner Coombs, John H. Hussey, Lemuel Davenport, Daniel H. Church, Elisha Atkins, Jarvis W. Lawson, Amos Church, P. S. Percival, Thomas Wadsworth, D. A. Fairbanks, James Safford, Lendal P. Mosier, John Cross, William Doe, Lot Hamlen.

*Fence Viewers.*—Joel Richardson, Benjamin Spaulding, Charles Little, Anson Church, John Barrows, Simeon Leighton, Joseph H. Wall, John H. Hussey.

*Inspectors of Sole Leather.*—Edmund G. Doe, James Flagg, Stephen Deering, William T. Folsom, Erastus Haskell.

*Viewers, Surveyors, and Cullers of Hoops and Staves.*—Ezra Emery, Reuben C. Smith.

*Persons to make complaint against Truant Children.*—Joshua L. Heath, Charles E. Hayward, James Safford.

*Health Officer.*—Joshua L. Heath.

*Tythingmen.*—J. L. Heath, G. W. Jones, Howard Pettingill.

*Sealers of Leather.*—Stephen Hawes, E. G. Doe, William T. Folsom, James Flagg.

# JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

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## ON ACCOUNTS.

Messrs. Turner, }  
Patterson, } *Aldermen.*

Messrs. Pettingill, }  
Carson, } *Councilmen.*  
Morton, }

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## ON HIGHWAYS.

Messrs. Phinney, }  
McFarland, } *Aldermen.*

Messrs. S. Cummings, }  
Hussey, } *Councilmen.*  
Hoyt, }

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## ON NEW STREETS.

Messrs. Patterson, }  
Phinney, } *Aldermen.*

Messrs. Macomber, }  
Folsom, } *Councilmen.*  
S. Cummings, }

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## ON BELLS AND CLOCKS.

Messrs. Morrill, }  
McFarland, } *Aldermen.*

Messrs. Hoyt, }  
Peaslee, } *Councilmen.*  
Lyon. }



#### ON BURYING GROUNDS.

Messrs. Phinney, }  
Ingraham, } *Aldermen.*

Messrs. Golder, }  
Pettingill, } *Councilmen.*  
Macomber, }

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#### ON FINANCE.

Messrs. Patterson, }  
Brown, } *Aldermen.*

Messrs. Morton, }  
Carson, } *Councilmen.*  
Hayden, }

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#### ON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Messrs. Brown, }  
Morrill, } *Aldermen.*

Messrs. Hayden, }  
Glidden, } *Councilmen.*  
Golder, }

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#### ON SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Messrs. Turner, }  
Ingraham, } *Aldermen.*

Messrs. Clark, }  
Wood, } *Councilmen.*  
Barrows, }

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#### ON PRINTING.

Messrs. McFarland, }  
Patterson, } *Aldermen.*

Messrs. Folsom, }  
Wood, } *Councilmen.*  
Cross, }

## ON CITY BUILDINGS.

Messrs. Ingraham, }  
Turner, } *Aldermen.*

Messrs. Barrows, }  
A. Cummings, } *Councilmen.*  
Fogg, }

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## ON ENROLLED ORDINANCES.

Messrs. Brown, }  
Morrill, } *Aldermen.*

Messrs. Fogg, }  
Hussey, } *Councilmen.*  
Clark, }

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## WARD OFFICERS.

WARD 1.—EDWARD FENNO, Warden.

HENRY SEWALL, Clerk.

WARD 2.—EBEN SAWYER, Warden.

WILLIAM GASLIN, JR., Clerk.

WARD 3.—J. F. SAUNDERS, Warden.

F. ABORN, Clerk.

WARD 4.—JOHN CONY, Warden,

G. L. GUOIR, Clerk.

WARD 5.—CHAS. E. HAYWARD, Warden.

SAM'L PATTERSON, Clerk.

WARD 6.—PETER GAY, Warden.

J. H. PATTERSON, Clerk.

WARD 7.—CHAS. LITTLE, Warden.

S. S. WEBSTER, Clerk.

# CITY ORDINANCE.

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## CITY OF AUGUSTA.

### AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

*Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Augusta, as follows :*

SECTION 1. The Overseers of the Poor shall have the control and management of the City Farm, and shall see that the same is properly cultivated and improved. They shall employ some suitable person as Superintendent of the Almshouse, to reside on the farm, to cultivate it and support and provide for the paupers who may be sent there by the Overseers.

SECT. 2. The said Superintendent shall hold his place from the time of his appointment until the first day of April ensuing, (unless some one is appointed in his stead,) at such compensation as said Overseers may establish. Said Superintendent shall keep a minute and detailed account of his receipts and expenditures in cultivating and improving the farm, and account for all products thereon raised, sold or consumed, and of the expense of supporting the paupers at said Almshouse, which books shall at all times be open to the inspection of the city officers, and shall at the end of his term of employment be left with the City Clerk. Said Superintendent shall give bond to the city, with satisfactory sureties, in the sum of five hundred dollars, for the faithful performance of his duty.

SECT. 3. The said Overseers shall keep books of accounts in which the expenditures for support of the poor shall be set down in detail, showing the expenditure for paupers at the Almshouse, out of the Almshouse, and the expense of paupers reimbursable from other cities and towns, separate, and shall keep an account, showing receipts and expenditures on account of the farm, and how much the farm has contributed for the year, toward the support of the poor ; which accounts shall be laid before the Committee on Finance annually, in the month of March, and prior to the third Monday thereof ; and said books of account shall be left with the City Clerk by said Overseers, at the expiration of their term of office.

SECT. 4. Said Overseers are authorized to settle all bills in favor or against the city on account of the poor, and shall pay all money received on account of the farm or the poor, furnished or supported by the city forthwith, into the city treasury, and the Mayor shall draw warrants in favor of said Overseers, for all payments and expenditures, in accordance with the ordinance establishing a system of accountability, and upon settlement with the Overseers by the Mayor, from time to time, their vouchers shall be deposited with the City Clerk.

SECT. 5. Said Overseers shall give bond to the city, with satisfactory sureties, in the sum of five hundred dollars each, for the faithful performance of their duty.

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IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, }  
March 13, 1858. }

This ordinance having had two several readings, passed to be ordained.

JAMES W. NORTH, MAYOR.

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IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 13, 1858.

This ordinance having had two several readings, passed to be ordained.

SAMUEL TITCOMB, PRESIDENT.